रूप में कार्य दल (एक्शन ग्रुप) के गठन के लिए तैयार की गई रिपोर्ट के प्रारूप का हवाला देता है । सरकार को प्रस्तुत करने के लिए ग्रुप प्रारूप को अभी भी अंतिम रूप दे रहा है ।

Use of Devnagri script on Computer in the Dool

5510. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister o HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Offi cial Language has taken up the work and study regarding use of Devnagri script on computers;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard;

(c) by when the Hindi Computers will be freely and abundantly available; and

(d) what steps are being taken to popularise Hindi computers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Under a project launched by the Department of Electronics in 1986, facilities for using Devnagri script on computers have become available. Input/output in Hindi on computers is possible through GIST 9000 chip and word processing in Devnagri through ALP—package. Besides, computer applications are now available in Devnagri Publishing, Hindi-spell-checks and Data-Base and spread-sheet areas.

(c) and (d) GIST Cards/GIST Terminals developed to facilitate use of Hindi on computers, as also a variety of computers, softwares for general purpose, are now available in the market National Informatics Centre (NIC) is providing GIST Cards/Terminals in Government Offices. NIC also conducts training in use of computer in Hindi. The Deptt. of Official Language organises related publicity through publications and seminars/exhibitions.

Awards under Rajbhash Award scheme

5511. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delays in giving awards under the Rajabhasha Award Scheme;

(b) when were the awards for the last three years given;

(c) what is the position of this year's awards; and

(d) what steps are being taken to expedite the awards for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The awards under Indira Gandhi Rajbhasha Purskar Yojna or the period April'90—March'93 were distributed by the President of India as per details given below:

Year	Date o Awaral Distribution
1990-91	26-06-1993
1991-92 and 1992-93 . .	7-11-1994

(c) and (d) Winners of awards for the year 1993-94 have been selected. Action to organise the award distribution ceremony has already been initiated. Efforts have commenced for collection of data relevant for 1994-95 awards.